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New York, Wednesday 11th

Dear Mrs. Chapman, I write in haste, on brief notice from James S. Gibbons, that he wants the pieces that he sent to the Liberty Bell, sent to the Standard; and that I must thus inform you, by to-day's package; he himself being too ill to attend to it. Please send them all, by next package. I believe he sent two or three pieces.

James read me your last letter. I am at a loss to conjecture what you mean by "Massachusetts correspondents." I am not aware of ever having left out any communications from that quarter; for I believe I never received one of a controversial character. J. A. Collins has four times written to me that he was going to send a communication about Ohio, and that I must keep the paper open for that purpose; but he never has sent it. I struck out four or five sentences of pretty active whiggery from Geo. Bradburn's letter, which I believed offended him. I would write an

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fellowship requires more, let it go. I shall make no effort to retain it, unless
such circumstances. With love to your sisters, Mrs. truly, L. M. Child,

explanation to him, if I knew where a letter would find him.

I have long been aware that there was a class of abolitionists who were uneasy to see the Standard a controversial and agitating paper. Their judgment may, perhaps, be correct; but the line of policy which I pursue cannot mix with that policy. There is an inherent difference, which cannot be reconciled. If the paper admit for and against Liberty Party, for and against New organisation, for and against T. P. Beach, it will in fact be only another edition of the Liberator; and if it becomes so, I think it had better be printed in Boston, and united with the Liberator, to save expense.

At the next anniversary I hope the Society will decide whether they wish the Standard to be a controversial and agitating newspaper, suited to the wants of "veteran abolitionists, or to be a calm, rational appeal to the people at large, without any particular aim to please abolitionists. The two cannot be mixed, any more than fire and water. I feel perfectly willing that the

Society should choose to make it what you and Collins desire; for it is Their organ, and they have an undoubted right to do as they will with it. But with such a paper I will have no connection whatever; not even as contributor. There is more than my taste and inclination against it; my principles are too strongly set against it, ever to be changed by any argument. There can be no just cause of complaint against me, for the course I have pursued in the Standard; for before I undertook it, I took especial pains to explain to her that I should pursue such a course, and no other,

under any circumstances, and she answered that I was the very one needed. Neither is there cause to be anxious about the future; for I would hail another editor to the Standard, as joyfully as a prisoner ever stepped off the treadmill. If John C. Collins is to be continued Gen. Agent, it will be necessary to change editors; for though he does not communicate for the Standard, he "surrounds me with a circumstance", (as Benny Lundy's father said of Garrison) which wars with my line of policy,

and will not mix with it. I do not blame him
for complaining. He has reason to complain. The
Standard is a hindrance in his path, instead of a
help; and must continue to be while I edit it. The
Society ought to have known better than to yoke
together two instrumentalities, which could not fail
to pull apart. It is high time that they should definitely

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decide which of the two things they wish the Standard
to be. My very soul is sick of these perpetual discrepancies.
As for being classed together with Rogers, Beach, et id genus
omne, it is absurd. There is no resemblance between us, and
cannot be any fellowship, except such as I have with Miller,
Elder Knapp, or any other honest fanatic. I believe they are doing
incalculable mischief to the cause; and if I refrain from saying so,
it is as much as anti-slavery fellowship requires of me; or if anti-slavery